

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
 Toshifumi YOSHIMINE, et al. : Confirmation Number: 4951  
 Application No.: 10/520,894 : Group Art Unit: 1745  
 Filed: January 11, 2005 : Examiner: Wills, Monique M.  
 For: VALVE-REGULATED LEAD-ACID BATTERY

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.  
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27  
 Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	3	20	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

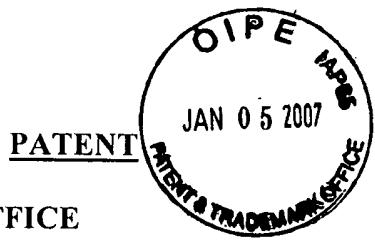
McDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP

Bernard P. Codd  
 Registration No. 46,429

600 13<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
 Washington, DC 20005-3096  
 Phone: 202.756.8000 BPC:kap  
 Facsimile: 202.756.8087  
 Date: January 5, 2007

Please recognize our Customer No. 20277 as our correspondence address.

Docket No.: 043888-0353



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Toshifumi YOSHIMINE, et al. : Confirmation Number: 4951  
Application No.: 10/520,894 : Group Art Unit: 1745  
Filed: January 11, 2005 : Examiner: Wills, Monique M.  
For: VALVE-REGULATED LEAD-ACID BATTERY

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

These amendments and remarks are being filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2006.

**Amendment to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 4.